

PERSONNEL

(Q) I anticipate hitting my Mandatory Retirement Date while deployed. Can the Army hold me beyond my MRD against my will? If I want to serve beyond my MRD while deployed, can I volunteer to do so? If I am held beyond my MRD due to deployment, when I re-deploy, will I have sufficient time (say 180 days) to transition from the service, or will I be immediately retired?

(A) The Army will not hold you past your MRD. You can ask for an exception to policy to serve past your MRD, though they are rarely granted. The "stop movement" message for this theater states that soldiers will be returned to their home stations no later than 60 days prior to their MRDs.

(Q) Can a family member other than an "immediate family member" receive a temporary ID card if they come to Germany to assist during deployment?

(A) No, but there is a program called the "in loco parentis" authorization, which can grant customs and tax exemptions for personnel not under the jurisdiction of the Status of Forces Agreement, while they caring for children of deployed single soldiers, dual-military couples and civilian employees. Requests for enrollment in this program must be forwarded to: HQ USAREUR & 7A, PMO, ATTN: Host Nation Customs Policy Branch, Unit 29931, APO AE 09086

(Q) What is the standard for the re-issue of an Identification Card?

(A) A spouse can come in at any time to renew an ID card. It does not matter what the expiration date is.

(Q) How do "stop movement" orders affect a soldier and his family?

(A) The guidance for stop movement comes directly from the Department of the Army. A stop move order is specific, and only pertains to certain unit that is on the deployment roster. If a person is in a unit that is affected by stop move, they cannot make a Permanent Change of Station move. If a servicemember is on orders, the orders are null and void once a stop move order is issued. In addition, the stop move order contains very specific information about which personnel in the unit are affected by the message.

(Q) Can a family receive orders while the servicemember is deployed?

(A) No. A family will not receive orders while the servicemember is deployed.

(Q) My children are younger than 10 years old, so they don't have ID cards. How will my mother be able to buy groceries for them at the commissary, or obtain medical care for them? Under these circumstances, can I obtain an ID card for my underage child?

(A) The answer to the first question is: No, but there is a program called the "in loco parentis" authorization, which can grant customs and tax exemptions for personnel not under the jurisdiction of the Status of Forces Agreement, while they caring for children of deployed single soldiers, dual-military couples and civilian employees. Requests for enrollment in this program must be forwarded to: HQ USAREUR & 7A, PMO, ATTN: Host Nation Customs Policy Branch, Unit 29931, APO AE 09086. The answer to the second question is: Yes, the child may be issued an ID card because the children do not reside in the household of an eligible adult family member.

(Q) In the event a soldier is injured, how will family members be notified? What about if the family members are in the States?

(A) A military representative will personally notify you, whether you are in Europe or the United States.